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1. When the Berliner Zeitung recently announced an increase in the number of pages in its daily and Sunday editions, the publishers of Der Morgen, the LDP newspaper in Berlin, telephoned to ask for a larger allotment of newsprint. They pointed out that Der Morgen had experienced a serious decline in subscriptions, a fact which they attributed to the restrictions imposed by the shortage of paper. Captain Zaslavsky in Lichtenberg replied by criticizing some of the material published in Der Morgen--for example, the headline "American Interest in the Suez Canal" on page 1 of the 11 May 1947 issue. He said that this wording implied that Der Morgen approved the American interest; the word "interest" should have been put in quotation marks, or else the headline should have been so worded as to emphasize the aggressive intentions of the United States.
2. Der Morgen's supply of paper amounts to two-and-a-half tons per day, sufficient for an edition of 125,000 copies of four pages each. This is said to be half of what was formerly allotted. The Russians have agreed to allot an additional ton per day on the condition that the 50,000 extra copies to be printed should all be sent to the western zones. Supplementary paper supplies could be obtained on the black market, but only at prices ~~higher~~ than the management can afford.
3. The Berlin CDU newspaper, Neue Zeit, the circulation of which had dropped from 225,000 to 40,000, was, by 1 May 1947, once more able to put out an edition of 100,000 copies. The Russian authorities promised an additional allotment of paper for the printing of 50,000 copies on the condition that these should be sent to the western zones.

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